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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated June 16, 2006, please continue examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and make the following changes and consider the following remarks in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application: